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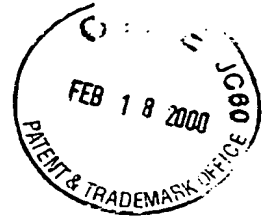
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Client/Matter: 604-540

Title: A METHOD OF SECURING A LINE TO A PATIENT, FASTENERS
AND THEIR USE TO SECURE A LINE TO A PATIENT

- x Amendment (**Preliminary**)
- x Pages Specification, Claims & Abstract 27
- 45 Claims
- 14 Sheets of Drawings
- x Declaration (2 Pages)
- x Assignment (2 Pages) Including Cover
- 1 Priority Document(s)
- Base Issue Fee Transmittal

\$1,570.00 Fee (Check)

Other: **Request for Filing Rule 53(b) Appln; Submission
of Priority Documents; Int'l Search Report**



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NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

A filing date has NOT been accorded to the above-identified application papers for the reason(s) indicated below.

All of the items noted below and a newly executed oath or declaration covering the items must be submitted within **TWO MONTHS** of the date of this Notice, unless otherwise indicated, or proceedings on the application will be terminated (37 CFR 1.53(e)).

The filing date will be the date of receipt of all items required below, unless otherwise indicated. Any assertions that the item(s) required below were submitted, or are not necessary for a filing date, must be by way of petition directed to the attention of the Office of Petitions accompanied by the \$130.00 petition fee (37 CFR 1.17(i)). If the petition states that the application is entitled to a filing date, a request for a refund of the petition fee may be included in the petition.

- The specification is missing.
A complete specification including at least one claim as prescribed by 35 U.S.C. 112 is required.
- The application was deposited without drawings. 35 U.S.C. 113 (first sentence) requires a drawing "where necessary for the understanding of the subject matter sought to be patented." *Applicant should reconsider whether the drawings are necessary under 35 U.S.C. 113 (first sentence).*

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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PART 2 - COPY TO BE RETURNED WITH RESPONSE

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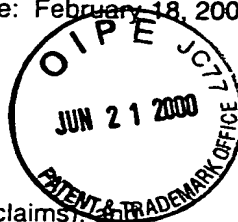
Sir:

Attached for filing is the patent application of:

Inventor: **SPINOZA, Marc H.**

Date: February 18, 2000

Entitled: **A METHOD OF SECURING A LINE TO A
PATIENT, FASTENERS AND THEIR USE TO
SECURE A LINE TO A PATIENT**



and including attachments as noted below:

- ☒ Declaration, ☒ Abstract
- 26 pages of specification and claims (including 45 numbered claims),
- 14 sheets of accompanying drawing/s.
- ☒ Record & return the attached assignment to the undersigned.
- ☒ Priority is hereby claimed under 35 USC 119 based on the following foreign applications, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application:

Application Number

Country
Great Britain

Day/Month/Year Filed
21 August 1997

, respectively.

- ☒ Certified copy(ies) of foreign application(s) is/are attached..
 - ☒ Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line --This is a continuation of PCT application PCT/GB98/02502, filed 20 August 1998, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.--
 - ☒ Priority is hereby claimed under 35 USC 120/365 based on the following prior PCT applications designating the U.S., the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application:
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| Application Number | Country | Day/Month/Year Filed |
| PCT/GB98/02502 | | 20 August 1998 |
- ☐ This application is based on the following prior provisional application(s):
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respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application, and priority is hereby claimed therefrom.

- ☐ Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line: -- This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. , filed , the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.
- ☐ Verified Statement attached establishing "small entity" status (Rules 9 & 27)
- ☐ The Examiner's attention is directed to the prior art cited in the parent application by applicant and/or Examiner for the reasons stated therein.
- ☒ Preliminary amendment to claims (attached hereto), to be entered before calculation of the fee below.
- ☒ Also attached: **Submission of Priority Documents; Int'l Search Report**

FILING FEE IS BASED ON CLAIMS AS FILED LESS ANY HEREWITH CANCELED

Basic Filing Fee				\$	690.00
Total effective claims	45	- 20 (at least 20) =	25	x \$ 18.00	\$ 450.00
Independent claims	8	- 3 (at least 3) =	5	x \$ 78.00	\$ 390.00
If any proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, add \$260.00 (ignore improper)				\$	0.00
				SUBTOTAL	\$ 1,530.00
If "small entity," then enter half (1/2) of subtotal and subtract				-\$	(0.00)
				SECOND SUBTOTAL	\$ 1,530.00
Assignment Recording Fee (\$40.00)				\$	40.00
				TOTAL FEE ENCLOSED	\$ 1,570.00

Any future submission requiring an extension of time is hereby stated to include a petition for such time extension. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Account No. 14-1140. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

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